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S.R. 912 (Cline Avenue) bridge to remain closed for a minimum of 6 weeks

Bridge structure closed between U.S 41 (Calumet Ave.) in Hammond and Michigan Ave. in East Chicago

LAKE COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces State Road 912 (Cline Avenue) will remain closed to all traffic for a minimum of six weeks. INDOT received the results of a detailed bridge inspection report performed by INDOT consultant URS Corporation. Based on the initial evaluation of the report by INDOT inspectors, engineers and management staff the bridge will remain closed as a precautionary safety measure for the motoring public.

INDOT is working with URS to continue its evaluation of the bridge structure between U.S. 41 (Calumet Avenue) in Hammond and Michigan Avenue in East Chicago, specifically over the Indiana Harbor Canal. The evaluation will also include a load rating analysis that will take a minimum of six weeks to complete. The results of this information will allow INDOT to determine an appropriate plan for the bridge structure.

INDOT will continue to work with Indiana State Police, local officials and businesses to help minimize the impact of the closure. Traffic will be detoured via posted signs. Westbound Cline Ave. traffic will be directed to take U.S. 12 (Columbus Drive) west to U.S. 12/20 (Indianapolis Boulevard) west to Calumet Ave. south. Eastbound traffic will be directed to take Calumet Ave. north to Indianapolis Blvd. east to Columbus Dr. east back to Cline Ave.

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